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Felony Robbery

Bremerton Police officers were dispatched to a report of a robbery just before midnight on Tuesday, January 12. Two adult men are in custody for felony robbery following the response and investigation.

Based on the initial response and subsequent investigation by Bremerton Detectives, the two victims in this robbery, also both adult men, were in contact with the suspects on Facebook. At some point, the suspects and the victims decided to "hang out" and the two suspects stopped and picked up the victims at a residence in West Bremerton. Within a block, near the 800 block of Naval Avenue, the suspect driver stopped by an alleyway, saying that a gym bag in the back seat needed to be moved to the trunk. Once the two suspects got out, a third man, who had been waiting at the location, pointed a handgun through the open window, demanding money and property from the two victims who had remained in the car. One immediately fled on foot, while the other turned over a cell phone and umbrella before also getting out of the car and running form the area.

A description of the car was broadcasted after Bremerton Officers spoke to the victims, and within minutes the car was located by Kitsap County Sheriff's Deputies at a gas station at Hwy. 303 and Fairgrounds Road. All occupants were taken into custody, and the vehicle was later searched after a search warrant was obtained.

A handgun (pictured below) was found under the front seat of the car, and it was determined to be a BB-type replica firearm. In Washington State, replica firearms perceived to be real are considered as real firearms for purposes of prosecution. In addition, detectives located property and papers from at least three separate incidents of car prowling in the area. Credit cards, cell phones, and other personal property including passports were recovered. An amount of methamphetamine was also located in the car.

The Bremerton Police Department will be contacting victims of car prowls who may have had property recovered. "We see a lot of criminal incidents that seem to be starting with contact on social media." said Bremerton Police Chief Steve Strachan, adding, "please be very careful about giving anyone on social media information about where you live or anything that may lead them to be able to victimize you." The two suspects are being held in the Kitsap County Jail.

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